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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 4. Peace-keeping operations and special missions

1. At its 19th meeting, on 11 October 1993, the Committee considered section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. There was general agreement that the proposals relating to the strengthening of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations were justified given the recent substantial increase in peace-keeping activity. The consolidation of the Field Operations Division into the Department was noted. The Committee noted that the Department, including the Field Operations Division, would be receiving a number of posts from the peace-keeping support account and that those posts were not included in the fascicle. Concern was expressed by some delegations that the resource proposals for the Department might prove inadequate. A number of delegations addressed the issue of staff in the Department who were seconded from Governments without cost to the Organization, which was not reflected in the budget document. While the practice was generally welcomed, as a way of providing the Organization with staff resources more quickly than might otherwise be possible, one delegation thought that arrangement might conflict with requirements for impartiality and

confidentiality, given the politically sensitive nature of some of the work carried out by the Department. Some delegations queried the absence of contingency provisions for new missions. A number of delegations addressed the budget proposals for the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization In Palestine (UNTSO) and felt that the resources requested were excessive, in particular the provisions for the acquisition of vehicles, furniture and equipment.

3. The issue of security measures for peace-keeping personnel and its training was also addressed by some delegations.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recalled that an in-depth evaluation of peace-keeping activities was scheduled for 1995 and an interim report was due in 1994.

5. The Committee requested that the Secretary-General submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session his proposals with regard to the requirements concerning the security and safety of all United Nations staff connected with United Nations activities, at the Headquarters location and in the field. The Secretariat agreed to provide a written proposal.

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 4 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.